

THE CHRISTIAN NESSENGER®

First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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Blood Drive First Christian Church

In the Fellowship Hall 201 W 3rd Maryville, MO 64468

Friday, November 24, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FCCMaryville to schedule an appointment.







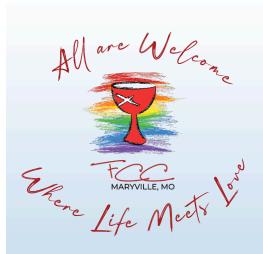
Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line Productions, Inc. (s23) FCC Youth will be packing shoe boxes and need your help.



You Can:

- donate specific items for the youth to pack (due Nov. 12)
- pick up a shoe box to pack yourself (due Nov. 17).

For more information about the Operation Christmas Child program and on what can be packed in these shoe boxes, please see our display table in the narthex. Item cards and a sign-up sheet are also available on the display table. Boxes are available in the church office.



Sunday Mornings

Last Supper Leftovers Sunday School Class 9 a.m. Room 106

Children's Sunday School (K-4th Grade) Youth Sunday School (5th - 12th) 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Downstairs

10:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

Monthly Worship Attendance

Oct. 15	55	Oct.	29	N/A
Oct. 22	53	Nov.	5	61

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Keeping in touch with our church families

Thank you...

Thank you, First Christian Church for your Platinum Sponsorship of \$125! We greatly appreciate your support of our yearbook.

-South Nodaway Yearbook Staff

Our Community Prayer List...

John Praiswater
Pastor Terry Robinson
Naoma and Lisa Smeltzer
Karla Parman
Bob Hul
Bob Colville
Emily McLain
Stephanie Marr
Laura Girard-Munroe
Darla Thompson
Kay Davison
Carolyn Franks
Joan Farquhar
Sharon Place

Active Duty...

Josh Carpenter Sam Ferguson
Kevin Schluter Cody Hermelink
Jimmy Costello Craig O'Brien
Lane Hermelink

2023 Dates and Hostesses



Circle of Joy, our Women's Fellowship group, Meets on the first Monday of the month At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall unless otherwise noted

Please contact hostesses to RSVP

Dec 4 Carol Peters, Sandi Mull

Sign up to be a hostess for 2024

Call or email today!



Gina Johnson Senior Pastor

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Pastor's Pen A message from my heart to yours

In these moments, I find myself observing those around me. On many occasions I hear people complain with a little bit of "attitude." Some are complaining on their phones to unseen ears, some are complaining to the person beside them, some are complaining for all to hear, and some are complaining to whomever is on the other side of the table, counter, check-out line, etc. Although I may not be aware of exactly what they are experiencing, I could usually tell that the emotions were heighten, people where short (even rude), and the overall attitude driving their words and facial expressions were not something I would call pleasant. I would see people walk away, hang up the phone, end the conversation irritated, dissatisfied, and angry. I could sense how their frustration and disappointment was taking a toll, wearing on them, and leaving them discouraged. Practicing Gratitude is easier when everything goes just as we hoped. It's more of a stretch when we're surrounded by complaining, pessimism, judgment and exhausted others who are caught up in the circumstances often beyond their control.

I realize there is something I can do for myself and them. It's beyond feeling sorry for them or even praying for them, I send them healing energy and expressions of gratitude. As I considered what I may or may not know about their circumstances and particular challenges, I still hold space for them. I recognize that I've been there before and there are better ways to live in this incarnation.

Focusing on gratitude may pose a challenge if I am already caught up in focusing on worry and lack. Gratitude is easier when we're surrounded by love. When we're responding more than reacting. And when we remember that everything is happening *for* us not *to* us.

Let's work on practicing gratitude even during what we perceive as our most unwelcome situations. And you may ask what about someone else's unwelcome situation? Well, this is where we focus on sending out loving vibes infused with beautiful thoughts of gratitude!

Gratitude is far too significant to be saved for a particular holiday or month. We can change the world we live in when we make it a habit to express gratitude as often as possible. The energy and expression of Thanksgiving should be felt all year round.

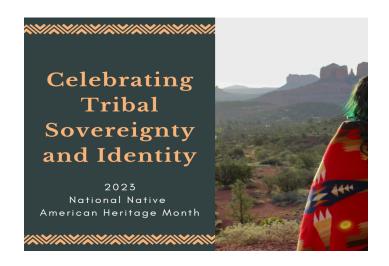
Grateful for all I AM, all I have, and You,





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